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Iowa Democrats are striking back at former Gov. Terry Branstad for criticizing Gov. Chet Culver's I-JOBS initiative, the \$830 million bonding plan the Legislature approved last session.

Branstad said at a Republican fundraiser over the weekend that too much debt is bad and the borrower "ought to be thrown out of office."

The Iowa Democratic Party issued a news release today saying Branstad borrowed \$994 million (in today's dollars) between 1989 and 1994.

"Branstad appears to be joining the chorus of Republicans who would have done nothing to help our state through this recession," IDP Chairman Michael Kiernan said. "And in Branstad's case, that's not only wrong, it's disingenuous given his past decisions."

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